

**REMARKS**

The specification is objected to because the claims contain the term “applications program.” The Examiner has suggested changing the term to “application program.”

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection and submit that the choice of terms “application program” and “applications program” is a matter of preference and that the terms can be used interchangeably. Applicants have used the term “applications program” consistently throughout the specification (including the claims), and respectfully submit, therefore, that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the specification.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-3 and 5-9 will be pending in the application. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,459,671 (“Duley”). Duley discloses a general battery monitoring process and system. To display a battery status indicator, Duley discloses using an icon display 20. See Duley, col. 9, ll. 53-61.

Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended herein to recite, among other things, providing a battery status indicator to an applications program on the computing device *for display via a user interface of the applications program*. Applicants respectfully submit that, in contradistinction to the claimed invention, Duley does not teach or suggest displaying the battery status indicator via a user interface of the applications program. By contrast, Duley teaches using the BIOS to warn the user about a low battery charge See Duley, col 5, ll. 35-39. Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that the claimed invention patentably defines over the teachings of Duley.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner

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believes that the present application is not allowable for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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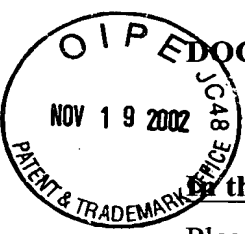
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

of the claims:

Please cancel claim 4.

1. (Once Amended) A method for indicating the status of a battery in a portable computing device, the method comprising:

retrieving battery status data from a basic input-output system (BIOS) on the computing device, the battery status data reflective of a characteristic of the battery;

comparing the retrieved battery status data to a predefined battery status threshold stored on the computing device; and

based on the comparison of the battery status data to the predefined battery status threshold, providing a battery status indicator to an applications program on the computing device for display via a user interface of the applications program.

5. (Once Amended) The method of claim [4] 1, wherein [providing the user perceptible battery status indicator] providing the battery status indicator comprises providing a battery status indicator that causes [displaying] a low battery alert to be displayed when the comparison indicates that the battery status data is less than the predefined status threshold.

8. (Once Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing a method for indicating the status of a battery in a portable computing device, the method comprising:

retrieving battery status data from a basic input-output system (BIOS) on the computing device, the battery status data reflective of a characteristic of the battery;

comparing the retrieved battery status data to a predefined battery status threshold stored on the computing device; and

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based on the comparison of the battery status data to the predefined battery status threshold, providing a battery status indicator to an applications program on the computing device for display via a user interface of the applications program.